

Hospital Hill By Katherine Anderson **Mystery Hospital hillsong** She has taught in institutions for less than pleasant children for nearly twenty years and has written two nonfiction volumes on the history of insane asylums in New England having visited and photographed than forty such institutions. **Hospital Hill mystery** 'Hospital Hill' is a novel that takes so many of my favorite things and combines them into a gripping mystery story that I was reluctant to put down: a headstrong female protagonist an abandoned asylum my favorite place in the world (Western Massachusetts) a killer plot twist and accurate depictions of mental health care at the middle of the twentieth century that don't smack of stigma or stereotyping which is rare to find in any fictional work that involves mental health treatment. **Hospital hill doctors surgery** I'm someone who cares very much about facts and historical accuracy; historical fiction is often a gamble for me as a reader because if an author can't get his or her facts straight it completely ruins both the integrity of their work and my ability to enjoy it. **Hospital Hill bookstore** Although I never had the chance to go inside Old Main before it was torn down I did have the opportunity to thoroughly explore the Memorial Complex portion of the hospital and I have spent countless hours on Hospital Hill (including a brief stint of sleeping in my car parked behind the Haskell Building because I was temporarily out a place to live - - proving that even after its closure NSH acted as a refuge of sorts to those in need). **Mystery Hospital hillside** Even though the institutional buildings are gone and prefab houses now stand in their place that feeling still hangs in the air surrounding the old hospital property on Prince Street. **Hospital Hill fictionmanai** 0 StarsHospital Hill Katherine Anderson's debut novel released in 2016 is an intriguing murder mystery set on the grounds of the State Hospital at Northampton constructed atop a scenic hill which later became known as Hospital Hill just outside of downtown Northampton MA in 1856. **Hospital Hill mystery science** Originally named the State Lunatic Asylum at Northampton and later renamed the Northampton State Hospital the facility was notorious for overcrowding and patient neglect and ultimately abandoned by the state of Massachusetts in mid-1980s. **Castle hill hospital site map pdf** Valerie Martin a 1959 graduate of Smith College joined the Northampton State Hospital staff shortly after graduation and spent the next twenty years working on Ward B the all-female wing of the sprawling psychiatric facility. **Mystery Hospital hillside** The Department of Mental Health needs patient records for the period 1960-1979 assembled at the Haskell Building and Valerie is specifically requested for the task given her intimate familiarity with the patients on the ward during that time period. **Mystery Hospital hillside** A psychiatrist who joined the hospital's medical team shortly before Valerie started on Ward B Willard was ambitious to further his career and a philanderer with a streak of viciousness. **Hospital Hill bookworm** As she peels back layers of the circumstances surrounding these suicides Valerie encounters an unexpected turn of events that threatens her own life! I enjoyed the story but came away somewhat unsatiated and very hungry for more! The book is very short just 220 pages in a trade paperback format which did not allow for much in the way of comprehensive character development or deeper exploration of the notoriety of the Northampton State Hospital. **Hospital hallway image** I live in a small city just south of Northampton and if not for my personal knowledge of this psychiatric hospital from extensive media accounts I don't think I would fully understand or appreciate the notoriety and dark history of the facility solely from the descriptions in the book. **Book hospital label** Following her Smith college graduation in 1959 Miss Valerie Martin began working at Northampton State Hospital for the Insane (1858-1993) and spent her career working in the field returning to Northampton to complete a data/records assessment and full department report before her retirement from state service. **EPub Hospital hillcrest** Martin was sad over the dismal eerie surroundings of abandoned Northampton Hospital: yet she fondly recalled her care of several patients and working with the nursing staff who ran and supervised the wards. **Mystery Hospital hillary** Martin contacted the local historian/librarian who had worked at Northampton before it closed and both women were convinced that patients deaths ruled as suicide may have been homicide and possibly connected to the notorious Dr. **Fiction Hospital hillsong** In fact it is this reality that ends up being the aspect which bites the reader the hardest and makes it impossible to forget the characters the places the times and the truth—the horrific allure that lies with them.

**Hospital Hill booking** Weeks away from retirement she is called back to complete one last task and finds a disturbing trend amongst some of the female patients and she has a hunch: these women were murdered. **Umkc hospital hill bookstore** 2017 Reader Views Literary Award Winner Hospital Hill



Rich prose a complex main character and strong sense of atmosphere When I came across Anderson's Hospital Hill I could not resist. **Mystery Hospital hillsong** Additionally between the thoughtful writing and the author's clear understanding of the physical aspects of the primary setting the novel has a very strong sense of atmosphere very much like you are there in the story. **Book hospital label** The two strikes against the novel and why I won't give it 5 stars is what I consider a highly improbable sequence of events over the last fourth of the novel and a surprising number of typos and other gaffs. **EBook Hospital hillary** In the first instance though I won't spoil the story it felt like a story that had flowed very logically and coherently suddenly veered to the improbable and fantastic enabled by the most improbable coincidences and unlikely accomplishments. **Book a blood test at hillingdon hospital** Paperback Hospital Hill has a creepy darkness to it from its name and the realization that the hospital a top the hill was once an insane asylum to the mystery that begins to unfold in the basement as old records are reviewed and a string of women inmates' deaths ruled suicides begin to show a pattern that brings that into question. **Book hospital label** It held my attention as I feared for the woman who'd once worked the wards and was brought back after the hospital's closing to review these records as she worked alone with growing suspicions. **EPub Hospital hillcrest** She also knew most of those who could possibly have perpetrated these acts some of whom were still alive and would not appreciate her digging into crimes they felt they'd gotten away with. **Mystery Hospital hillsong** Katherine Anderson's continued work documenting hospitals and asylums in her home state has an obvious influence on the evocative descriptions she's able to portray of NSH from its heyday and eventual squalor. **Hospital Hill mystery science** I pride myself on being able to figure out the ending to thriller style novels but this one had me stumped! Though I was surprised by the turn of events I found them believable and along with the whole of the story true to the human experience. **Mystery Hospital hillside** Paperback Hospital Hill by Katherine Anderson charts the return of Valerie Martin a nurse nearing retirement to Northampton State Hospital after a near fifteen year absence induced by an old colleague Bill Dunston who needs her help for a few months to catalogue and process old patient reports. **Hospital Hill ebooks online** The records all date from the period 1960 to 1979 an era with which Valerie is personally familiar and it is not long before she begins to realise there is something darker at work within the dusty reports and the bones of the old building. **Hospital Hill mystery** There is an extra shiver of anticipation you get when you know you are reading something this well researched and built upon the foundations of a real Institute for the Insane and Katherine Anderson clearly knows her stuff. **Mystery Hospital hillsong** It also helps that she is a gifted writer as she effortlessly captures the characters of Valerie and Bill and in flashback the enigmatic Dr Willard as well as the Hospital itself which looms ever present over the narrative as she cleverly builds tension in a realistic and captivating way. **Book a blood test at hillingdon hospital** Gradually the stakes are ramped up as the documents and Valerie's memories begin to coalesce around those who died and the manners of their death begin to take on more significance. **Book**

**hospital label** I was provided with a free copy of this book in return for an honest review Paperback Reviewed by Sheri Hoyte for Reader Views (09/16) "Hospital Hill" by Katherine Anderson is an uncanny mystery/thriller that will keep readers guessing as dark secrets from an old insane asylum surface just before the hospital closes its doors forever. **Hospital hill bookstore** Weeks before her retirement Valerie Martin is called back to the hospital where she began her career Northampton Hospital to complete a final task for the department: an assessment of the hospital records/data. **Hospital Hill bookstore** It was a bit of an eye opener that Valerie's supervisor actually scorned the fact that Valerie had a college degree clearly of the mindset that women held a very specific place in society college graduate or not. **Hospital Hill epub reader** At just over 200 pages "Hospital Hill" by Katherine Anderson is a short read and I found myself wanting more! I highly recommend this story as an entertaining read full of history suspense and intrigue:

## Hospital Hill booking

Kate Anderson is a special education teacher and professional photographer. **Hilltop hospital book** She lives in Feeding Hills with her boyfriend two beagles and an overweight cat who figures heavily on both her blog and her Instagram feed. **Stepping hill hospital booking office** Anderson thoroughly conducted her research before putting pen to paper, **Hospital Hill bookstore** Perhaps my favorite thing about this book is that while the story is engrossing and the characters are accessible Ms. **Fiction Hospital hillcrest** Anderson has truly brought to life the legacy and memory of Northampton State Hospital, **Hospital Hill bookstore** Though I've walked the hallways of many abandoned asylums Northampton State Hospital and its grounds have always conveyed a particular air of security and safety to me, **EBook Hospital hillsborough** Valerie Martin felt it and it's part of what called her back to the hospital: **Hospital philly** Anderson's writing I think all readers -- even those who've never stepped foot on the actual Hospital Hill -- will be able to feel it too. **Hospital Hill books** Nearing retirement after a fifteen year stint at the Westborough State Hospital Valerie finds herself heading back to Northampton for one last assignment: **Hospital Hill mystery science** Twenty years of memories swirled in her head as Valerie combs through the patient records: **Hospital Hill mystery science** Flash backs of fond relationships with co-workers and patients intermingled with some of the violent episodes she experienced on the ward float Dr. **Mystery Hospital hillside** Martin's record compilation uncovers the untimely and violent deaths of six young women all under the care of Dr. **Hospital Hill books** Despite the determination at the time that suicide was the cause of death while knowing the history of the good Dr. **Hospital Hill mystery science** Willard and his penchant for late night visits with the young female patients Valerie digs deeper and deeper to reach some starkly different and perilous conclusions. **Umkc hospital hill bookstore** The book cover image projects a foreboding eerie creepiness surrounding the hospital that I didn't feel that at all during this story: **Mystery Hospital hillsdale** I met Kate Anderson at a cultural event in April 2017 in Westfield MA that featured a combination of gallery artists and authors. **Hospital Hill mystery** I purchased my copy of Hospital Hill at that event and had the opportunity to chat with Kate: **Book a blood test at hillington hospital** I can't wait see what she comes up with next! For additional information about the Northampton State Hospital check out these sites <https://en.hospitalhillbooking.org/> ... then read Hospital Hill! Paperback There is much intrigue in this historical novel 'Hospital Hill' that is set in a gothic mental health asylum, **Hospital Hill ebook reader** Martin wasn't the only young lady who was sexually harassed and traumatized by the handsome married Dr. **Fiction Hospital hillsborough county** Willard a womanizer that used his position of trust for his own gratification. **Hilltop hospital book** Willard visited the wards unannounced and made every effort to befriend Martin: **Hospital Hill books** As she examined the dusty old files and records a pattern clearly emerged involving patient deaths that indicated foul play, **Hospital hallway image** Willard! Katherine Anderson writes exceptional detailed accounts of the asylum settings and surroundings, **Mystery Hospital hillsong** Martin was

a lonely spinster there was nothing wrong with that of course: however Martin was isolated without family or friends she also seemed very stuck-up snobbish and unlikeable, **Fiction Hospital hillcrest** The first half of the story was realistic with unpredictable elements, **Hospital Hill kindle direct** In the darker side of the asylum setting the tale eventually turned to a form of gothic horror similar to something seen in a late night spooky Alfred Hitchcock movie: **Hospital hill surgery** Paperback XXX This was an excellent story packed with information about the birth and death of the treatment of the insane in the U. **Hospital Hill books** Katherine Anderson based this novel on an actual institution located in Northampton Massachusetts that operated as a mental hospital from 1858 - 1986: **Hospital Hill mystery science** I was not aware that anti-psychotics were not even around until 1956 when Thorazine hit the market: **EPub Hospital hillside** Basically that treatment marked the end of the 'insane asylum', **Mystery Hospital hilltop** Katherine Anderson made this tale easily envisioned and the search for more info on this important part of American History a necessity. **Book hospital label** I feel richer for having read this book researching the questions Katherine Anderson posed in her novel and searching out some of the architectural designs built by Dr, **Hospital Hill mystery science** Thomas Kirkbride who was responsible for many the asylums in the US in the 1880's, **Hospital Hill epubs air** But if all you are looking for is a good mystery with a little romance and warm believable characters you will want to read Hospital Hill: **Book hospital label** Paperback There are books that you read which take you places introduce you to people and times. **EPub Hospital hillsborough county** Occasionally you'll look back at the story and have flashes of the imaginings that you had whilst reading, **EBook Hospital hillsborough county** Valerie Martin the protagonist of this story is so clear to me. **Hospital Hill books** The Northampton State Hospital the setting of the story is so clear to me: **Hospital philly** The 1950's the time period that half of the story is set is so clear to me (as well as the 1980's that the other half of the story resides), **Book hospital label** Yet I've only ever been witness to any of these places people or perspectives through Katherine Anderson's beautifully haunting story, **Brook hospital shooters hill** The brilliance of Hospital Hill lies within its author's beautiful ability to capture time place and character, **Stepping hill hospital site map pdf** At no point does the reader question any of the unfolding events or actions because they are so kept within a certain remarkable reality that is both researched and resilient, **Hospital hill surgery** 5 stars because it was chillingly amazing writing which evolves my view on mental health through beauty and legitimacy rather than fear and indoctrination. **Hospital hill surgery** Paperback In 1959 Valerie Martin takes a job on the wards of Northampton State Hospital for the Insane where she spends the next twenty years climbing the ranks: **Hospital Hill mystery science** When the hospital closes she leaves for good or so she thinks, **Brook hospital shooters hill** My parents were both clinical psychologists who worked with institutionalized patients, **Hospital Hill books** And as a child I grew up across the street from an abandoned hospital that we used to sneak into and wander on stormy nights: **Hospital Hill bookstore** There were many sentences that were fresh while remaining clear and simple: **Hospital Hill mystery science** A second strength was the presentation and development of her main character: **Book hospital label** This was a complex multi-faceted figure with internal and external motivations that logically drove the story forward: **Book hospital label** On the second count there were a distracting number of simple typos that repeatedly tripped me up and knocked me out of the story. **Hilltop hospital book** A few hours in the hands of a rigorous copy editor could really polish the writing into a gem: **Mystery Hospital hillsdale** I'm sure as Anderson continues to write her story telling will only get stronger. **Stepping hill hospital map pdf** Who could she trust with what she found? She'd known many of the women whose records she reviewed, **Mystery Hospital hillsong** And even though he was deceased she feared destroying the reputation and good name of the man who became her prime suspect if she was wrong, **Castle hill hospital map pdf** Paperback I read this book start to finish the day I picked it up which is a rarity for me anymore. **Mystery Hospital hillside** I was enthralled by the main character in the book Valerie and became more so as the story flashed back to her past experiences at Northampton State Hospital, **Hospital Hill mystery ranch** NSH was more than a work place for Valerie and appeared to represent her true

home: **Hospital Philly** I can relate to this feeling of connection to a place and time and how this heighten's one's memories even with the passing of many years: **Hospital Hill bookstore** I believe one of the most captivating aspects of the story was Valerie's connections with other people and how those connections were sustained even in death, **Mystery Hospital hillsong** I am eager to read more from this author and am would be happy to hear from this captivating body of characters again: **Hospital Hill fiction definition** Hospital Hill is a real page turner wonderfully descriptive of time and place, **Brook hospital shooters hill** It's been years since the hospital has housed any patients and the gloomy condition of the hospital is disheartening to Valerie: **Hospital Hill fiction** As she settles in with some old patient files however she begins to recollect and reminisce about former patients and co-workers, **Hospital hallway image** Valerie finds more than she bargains for when she stumbles upon some coincidences that reveal sinister and disturbing activities with several of the young female patients, **Hospital Hill fiction vs** She must dig deep to connect the dots that will shed light on tragic events from the past: **Hospital Hill epubor** There are other parties interested in what Valerie's research will reveal and she must trudge carefully to expose the truth without being harmed or worse in the process, **Hill rom hospital bed manual pdf** I thoroughly enjoyed the historical aspects of the story and it was apparent much time and research went into telling the history of the hospital with precise detail. **EPub Hospital hillsborough** The eerie monochrome of the book cover stayed in the front of my mind as I read clearly depicting exactly how I would imagine an old asylum to look. **Hospital Hill mystery ranch** I found the characters to be genuine and consistent to their roles for the period of time covered in the story: **Hospital Hill booking** I also found it disheartening to read about the therapies patients received during the dawn of mental health treatment treatments now considered inhumane at best, **Book hospital label** The story is full of unexpected twists and turns and the plot line builds with steady intensity setting readers up for an action-packed dramatic climax. However through her writing it is apparent that Ms. And through this story and Ms. Paperback 3. Robert Willard to top of mind. Robert Willard. Her enthusiasm is contagious her smile warm and inviting. [wikipedia.org/wiki/Northam](http://northamptonstatehospital.org/wiki/Northam). [http://northamptonstatehospital](http://northamptonstatehospital.org/wiki/Northam). Oddly Mrs. The main character of Valerie Martin was skillfully crafted. 3\* GOOD.S. from the 1850's through the 1980's. Seemed like perfect prerequisites for enjoying this novel. The writing was exquisite. Anderson's ability to cast rich prose was impressive. In sum four stars on the strength of the writing. Rich and engaging. I found this to be a good and intense read. I highly recommend it. Highly Recommended. Paperback.